ROCK COOKIES

1 1/2 cups sugar 2 sticks oleo
1/2 tsp. soda (dissolve in 2 tbs. warm water) 2 eggs
3 1/2 cups flour 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/4 tsp. nutmeg 1/2 tsp. allspice
1 8-ounce package chopped dates or raisins 1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. baking powder 5 cups whole pecans

Cream sugar and oleo. Add eggs, one at a time. Add soda dissolved in water. Add flour sifted with allspice, cinnamon, and nutmeg and beat until well blended. Add dates/raisins and pecans. Drop on cookie sheet and bake at 350° about 12 minutes. Cool on wire rack.